GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Availability/Consumption of Fertilizers
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the consumption of chemical fertilizers is increasing every year, if so, the details of the consumption of various chemical fertilizers in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among the farmers for balanced use of fertilizers; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide sufficient quantity of fertilizers to the farmers of different States including Haryana during the current season?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): A statement showing the details of sales(consumption) of Urea, DAP,MOP and NPK fertilizers during the last three years i.e. 2012-13 to 2014-15 and current year (upto October, 2015) is annexed. Aggregate sales (consumption) in the country during this period is as follows:

<Sales in LMT>
Name of fertilizers 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(upto October,2015)
Urea 301.61 304.54 308.73 183.96
P&K(DAP,MOP & NPK) 191.00 167.00 189.34 126.00

It can be seen from the statement that consumption of Urea has increased marginally over the years while that of DAP, MOP and NPK has fluctuated.

(b): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, is taking following steps to create awareness among farmers for balanced use of fertilizers: -

(i) Training of farmers: Under National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, financial assistance for two days training to farmers on balanced use of fertilizers is provided @ 10,000/- per training through State Government/ICAR/SAUs/Fertilizer Industry.

(ii) Frontline Field Demonstration (FFD): Under National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, financial assistance for field demonstrations on balanced use of fertilizers at farmers' fields @ Rs. 20,000/- per FFD is provided.

(iii) In year 2015, Soil Health Card Scheme has been introduced to assist State Governments to issue soil health cards to all farmers in the country. Soil Health Card will provide soil test based recommendations on appropriate dosages of required fertilizers to the farmers.

(iv) Under National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology also, activities such as capacity building of extension functionaries and farmers, front line demonstrations, exposure visits, kisan melas, farmers group mobilization, farm schools and farmers-scientists interaction etc. are taken up. Through these activities, latest agriculture technologies are disseminated to farmers of the country including creating awareness among farmers for the balanced use of fertilizers. Further information on judicious use of fertilizers are also broadcast through KrishiDarshan and other programmes, and through focused advertisement campaign under Mass Media scheme implemented through Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

(c): To provide sufficient quantity of fertilizers to the farmers of different States including Haryana, following steps are being taken by Department of Fertilizers during the current season: -

(i) The month-wise demand was assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) in consultation with the State Governments (including Haryana) before commencement of current cropping season.

(ii) On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projection given by DAC&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plans and continuously monitors the availability through following system:-

(a) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS);

(b) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.

(c) Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.

(iii) The gap between demand (requirement) and production is met through import.

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